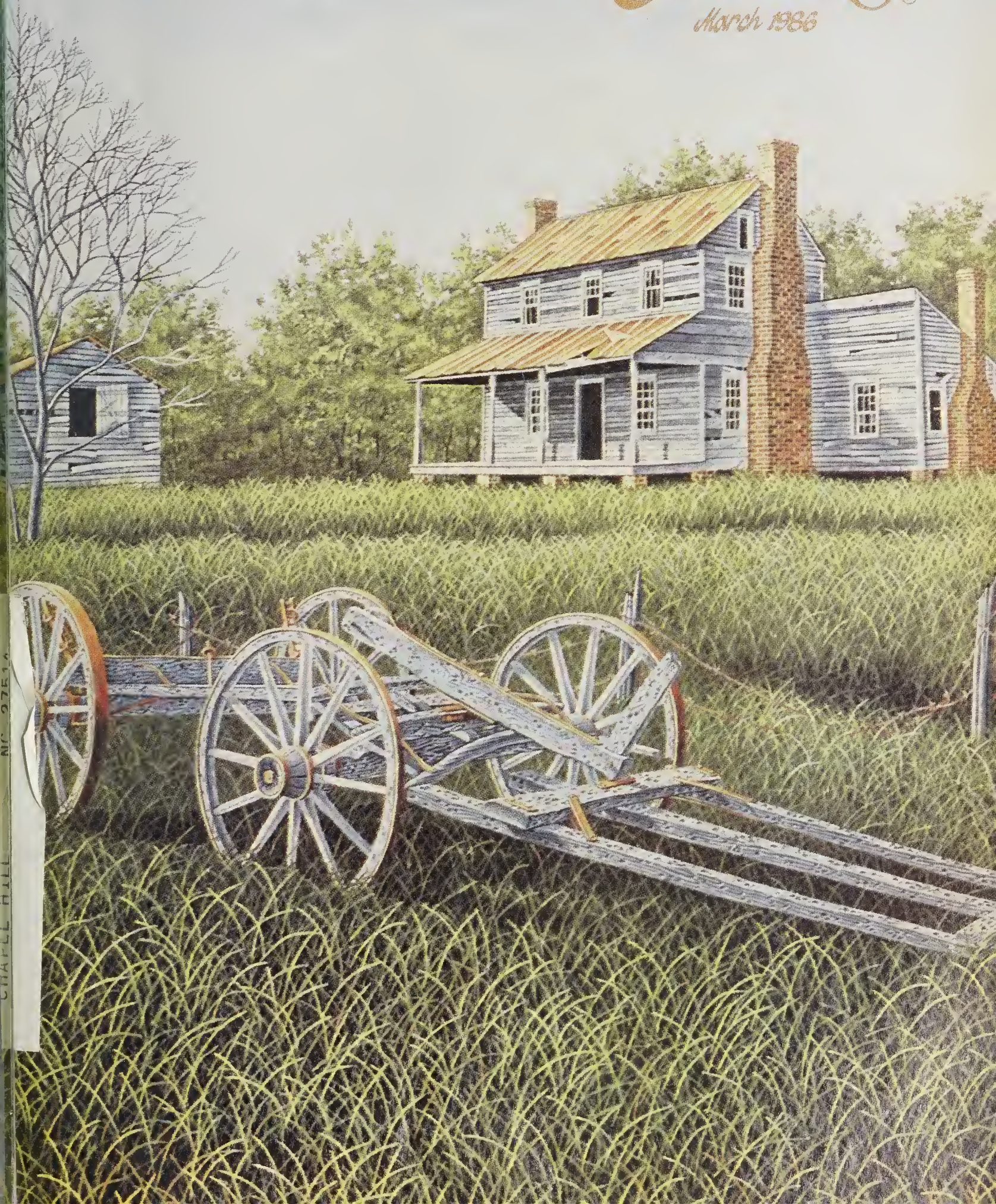


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A Fresh Start On FCX Foundation

FCX, Inc., the farm supply cooperative that had served the Carolinas for half a century, faded into history last month, a victim of the economic depression that now grips the nation's farmers.

The depth of that depression came into focus in a dramatic new way for many North Carolinians when the co-op's stores covered their familiar FCX signs, marking the acquisition of most FCX holdings by Southern States Cooperative. The FCX facilities in South Carolina had been taken over earlier by Goldkist, an Atlanta-based cooperative.

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Watching those Southern States banners go up was a sad experience for many Tar Heels, even if they'd never spent the first dime at an FCX outlet. An era had ended under the most sobering of circumstances.

Fortunately, solace can be drawn easily from the strength and reliability of the Richmond-based co-op that has now broadened its domain to include most of North Carolina's FCX operations.

Southern States, which was organized as the Virginia Seed Service in 1923, had total assets of \$292 million in 1985. Its varied services are now also being offered in Kentucky, West Virginia, Delaware and Maryland.

The co-op is a "well managed and

conservatively financed organization," said Randall E. Torgerson, administrator of the Agricultural Cooperative Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In an address at the 1986 annual meeting of the N.C. Cooperative Council, Torgerson noted that the presence of the regional co-op "will provide continuity of operations and a strong cooperative alternative to producers."

He added: "It is a credit to the FCX board members that they have offered farmers in North Carolina this alternative."

As Torgerson pointed out, a bit of irony surrounds Southern States' acquisition of the FCX facilities.

He said his agency prepared a study in 1977 showing that it would be economically feasible to merge FCX, the Durham-based Central Carolina Farmers co-op and Southern States. FCX and Central Carolina combined in 1980, but no efforts were made to link up with Southern States.

In addition, when North Carolina agricultural leaders were trying to organize FCX in the early 1930s, they had to establish a working relationship with Southern States. At the invitation of many of those Tar Heel leaders, Southern States began supplying feed to some local mutual exchanges in 1930, a move that stirred the ire of competing feed and fertilizer dealers.

FCX's founders negotiated an agreement with Southern States officials calling for the Virginia co-op to withdraw from North Carolina entirely while offering the new co-op manufacturing services and general assistance.

Eugene S. Knight, who retired in 1984 after 34 years with FCX, described the arrangement between the two co-ops in his 1984 book, *FCX at Five-O*:

"It is to Southern States' credit that its officials decided to help the new North Carolina cooperative instead of competing with it. Had it not taken the position it did, it is quite likely FCX could have folded As it was, the two cooperatives joined hands to accomplish their common aim—service to agriculture."

That service will continue under Southern States, as the co-op begins building on the foundation that was established by FCX.

The challenge facing Southern States, then, could be described in the words Knight used in examining the opportunities awaiting FCX as it began its second half-century:

"The challenge calls for extraordinary strength and endurance on the part of those who will lead the organization and sustained support and cooperation on the part of those who use it. The next 50 years could be the brightest yet."

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REA Can Be Part Of Deficit Solution

This editorial was written by Paul Wesslund, Washington correspondent for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

As Congress begins trying to meet the strict guidelines of the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction act, it will examine the worth of every program in the federal budget. It should look especially hard at the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) because it will find sound economic reasons for keeping that agency intact:

- The REA collects more than it lends—\$140 million a year more. While the cash advanced to rural electric cooperatives from the REA's main loan fund has been falling, to about \$800 million in 1985, loan repayments show a steady rise, to some \$940 million last year.

- Lending is down. Since 1980, loans and loan guarantees approved by the REA have declined at an astonishing rate—37 percent a year. Meanwhile, the federal budget increased 10 percent during each of the past five years. The drop-off in loans can be blamed partly on the depression in rural America: there is less demand for new electric service.

- No amount of cutting the REA will reduce the deficit in any meaningful way. There are several ways to figure what the REA actually costs the federal government, since its aid comes as loans and guarantees. One middle-of-the-road estimate, by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, puts costs for administration, losses and differences between interest rates at \$200 million last year. That is one five-thousandth of the total federal budget—a percentage that wouldn't even show up on a calculator accurate to two decimal points.

In realistic terms, then, the REA is not part of the problem.

Evidence of that lies in the fact that while REA loan levels have been declining by more than one-third each year, the deficit is soaring.

But these are just the direct, budgetary reasons for not chopping away at the REA. They don't include the incalculable, but very real economic benefits of fueling the nation's agriculture industry and providing a rural quality of life attractive enough to keep the nation's cities from being crushed by overcrowding.

Not only is REA not part of the problem, it is part of the solution. As a loan program, REA and the rural electric co-ops provide an income

with interest to the federal government. If reducing federal programs is part of the solution, then REA and the co-ops have done their part. REA loans and guarantees have fallen from \$6.5 billion in 1980 to \$640 million in 1985. How many other federal programs have taken a 90 percent reduction?

Cutting REA will not reduce the deficit. Rather, if more federal programs followed the lead of the REA the deficit wouldn't be such a problem.

"Breathtaking" Save-The-Soil Measures In 1985 Farm Bill

Sen. Jesse Helms guided it through the Senate.

President Reagan signed it into law with words of praise.

The Sierra Club calls it "the most historic action on soil and water conservation since the Soil Conservation Service was started 50 years ago."

The National Wildlife Federation says it could lead to: "the largest tree planting program in U. S. history, exceeding the reforestation accomplishment under the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Soil Bank programs."

What in the world is this paragon that could bring together in the same harness such an unlikely team as the North Carolina senator who is guru of the right wing, the president who doesn't like government programs—and once said trees cause pollution—and two wild-eyed liberal environmental organizations?

The answer: the conservation portion of the 1985 Farm Act.

Largely unheralded behind the multi-billion-dollar spending provisions of the law are some of the most breathtaking save-the-soil mandates since the New Deal made war on the Dust Bowl and the erosion-scarred cotton lands of Dixie.

The conservation provisions were proposed and pressed upon Congress by a coalition of environmental organizations and in a sense represent a historical reversal of farm law policy that had encouraged much use of erodible land by paying crop support payments based on new acreage.

Such provisions are a triumph not only for sound stewardship of the earth but for prudence in government spending as well.

The loss of topsoil worth an estimated 3 billion dollars a year is like burning that much public money in a furnace. Land and water are the fundamental resources of the nation. When they are wasted, it is the public's pocket that is being picked.

Preserving the land and using it soundly is the ultimate source of genuine national security. This task is also the debt this land-rich country owes to people in parts of the world not so favored.

That this task could bring together so unlikely a team as Sen. Helms, President Reagan, the Sierra Club and the Wildlife Federation is a measure of its significance and of its urgency.

—The Fayetteville Times

To the farmers of North Carolina

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So we welcome you, the farmers of North Carolina, as you join the farmers of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia. Southern States wants to serve you. Together, we'll make a great team.



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Decorator Show House Set in Winston-Salem

The North Carolina Shakespeare Festival will sponsor a special Decorator Show House in Winston-Salem, April 11-May 4, to raise funds for the organization.

The house is a 10,500-square-foot Georgian mansion in the Buena Vista area of Winston-Salem. Built in 1924 for Mamie Gray Galloway, sister of Bowman Gray, the house features wall murals, parquet floors, a swimming pool, a cobblestone drive and a guest house.

Special entertainment, including music and dramatic readings, will be featured at the house, which is situated at 1040 Arbor Road. In addition, the Festival will exhibit costumes from its various productions and items from the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

Lunch will be served in the courtyard each day from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For ticket information and other details, write or call Vincent Bridges at the N.C. Shakespeare Festival, P.O. Box 6066, High Point, N.C. 27262. Phone: (919) 889-1544.

Albemarle Tour Attractions Schedule Springtime Events

"From kite flight to candlelight" might be the theme of springtime activities being sponsored by the Historic Albemarle Tour attractions in the weeks ahead.

Historic Albemarle Tour, Inc., is a non-profit organization made up of 16 historic sites in northeastern North Carolina. Scheduled events include:

- **Colorful Kite Tales**—Elizabeth City, Museum of the Albemarle. An exhibit dealing with all aspects of the sport of kite flying. Through April 27. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m.

- **Halifax Day**—Halifax Day, a one-day celebration of the signing of the Halifax Resolves. Activities to include ceremony, picnic, crafts and tours of historical structures. April 12.

- **Biennial Symposium**—Edenton. Listen to speakers on topics of historical interest, tours and meals in historic settings. Advance registration required. April 16-18.

- **Happening On The Common**—Tarboro. Festivities to be held on the 16-acre town common will include an outdoor crafts fair, entertainment and food. May 18.

- **Candlelight Tour**—Roanoke Island staff members of the *Elizabeth II*, dressed in period costume will conduct tours and entertain visitors in Elizabethan fashion. May 25. Hours 7-9 p.m. Admission charged.

If you are interested in learning more about these events, or other activities being sponsored by Historic Albemarle Tour attractions, write to: Historic Albemarle Tour, Inc., P.O. Box 759, Edenton, NC 27932 or call (919) 482-7325.

Cooperative Council Officers Re-elected

Jacob Grigg, president of Mountain Farm Credit Service in Asheville, has been elected to a second term as president of the North Carolina Cooperative Council.

Other officers elected for a second term were Bob Holden, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, Asheboro, first vice president and Vance Nokeley, Coble Dairy, Lexington, as second vice president.

Tom Slade was also elected to the council's board, representing the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

Retired Rocky Mount Editor Publishes Book

A retired newspaper editor from Rocky Mount has published a book of columns, anecdotes and tales from

his half-century in the newspaper business.

The book, titled *Relax*, is by Vernon Sechriest, who served as editor of *Rocky Mount Telegram* for 40 years.

Copies of the book may be ordered by sending a check for \$5.95 plus \$1 for postage and handling for each book to Falls Publications P.O. Box 4194, Rocky Mount, NC 27802.

Fayetteville Dogwood Festival Scheduled for April 10-May 4

Dogwoods, azaleas, daffodils, crocus and other spring blossoms will serve as a backdrop for the 1986 Fayetteville Dogwood Festival, which is scheduled to open April 10.

Fayetteville is anticipating over a million participants during the 25 days of festival activities.

Events include an opening ceremony featuring the Golden Knights, an army military parachute team.

Also scheduled are a salute to America's armed forces, a Cumberland County concert, a spring concert by the Fayetteville Symphony and a Fayetteville Little Theatre production of a new Neil Simon play, "Brighton Beach Memories."

For additional information, call Jean Hodges at (919) 483-8494 or R. B. Goforth at (919) 483-5211. Write to Ms. Hodges at P. O. Box 53805, Fayetteville, NC 28305.

Historic Home and Garden Tour Slated In New Bern

Two dozen 17th and 18th century homes, churches and notable landmarks will be open to the public during the 1986 Home and Garden Tour in New Bern, April 11-12.

The annual event, sponsored by the New Bern Historical Society and the New Bern Preservation Foundation provides funding for various preservation projects in the New Bern area.

The tour this year will also include a tour of the colonial capital Tryon

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The cost for the two-day tour is \$8 in advance. Tickets purchased on the days of the tour will be \$10.

For group reservations or more information, contact Kathy Beckwith, New Bern Spring Historic Homes and Garden Tour, P.O. Box 207, New Bern, NC 28560. Phone: (919) 638-8558.

A 10 percent discount will be given to groups of 25 or more.

Grifton Shad Festival More Than Just Fish

"Fish Tales, Comet Trails," is the theme of the 1986 Grifton Shad Festival, which is scheduled for April 12-13.

The theme reflects the fact that during the festival Halley's Comet is expected to be as near to earth as it'll get.

Although the "official" festival begins on April 9, most of the 25 events are set for the weekend, including a flea market, fish fry, parade, concerts, tennis and golf tournaments and kiddie rides.

A canoe race down Contentnea Creek will be held on Sunday featuring open competition as well as a special division for canoes which are designed for racing.

Cover: "Carolina Afternoon" By Larry B. Burge of Newport

Our cover this month features a reproduction of an original painting by Larry B. Burge of Newport. It's titled "Carolina Afternoon."

Burge, whose paintings have been featured in a number of exhibits across the state, is a full-time artist and musician.

For information about his work, write to him at P.O. Box 623, Newport, NC 28570.

To learn more about the events, write to Grifton Shad Festival, Box 928, Grifton, NC 28530. Phone: (919) 524-4075.

Wild Foods Festival Set In Gastonia

If your palate seems to be missing something, why not try some wild cherry soup, violet quiche, some sumac meringue pie for dessert—and wash it all down with some "passion punch."

These wild foods menu items, along with about 30 other dishes, will be featured during the 1986 Wild Foods Festival that's to be held on the grounds of the Schiele Museum in Gastonia, April 27.

Wild foods enthusiasts—and those interested in learning more on the

subject—are invited to sample a variety of foods such as breads, candies, wild jellies and gourmet treats during the event, which will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.

During the past year, volunteers with a sense of adventure have been collecting wild fruits, vegetables, nuts and herbs so that "wild chefs" can prepare a variety of foods for those attending the free festival.

The wild garden party will also provide an opportunity for visitors to stroll along the museum trail, taste wild food dishes and listen to music.

For additional information, contact Kay Moss, Suzanne Simmons or Hugh Sherrill at the Schiele Museum, 1500 Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Phone: (704) 864-3962.

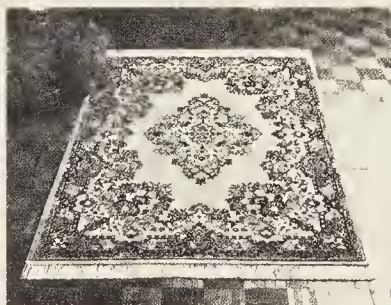
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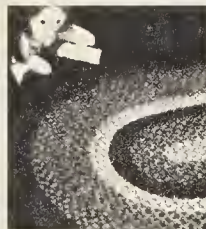
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The programs, which will cost \$39 per person, are scheduled for May 2-4 as well as May 9-11.

For additional information and registration forms, call or write the Registrar, Office of Conferences and Institutes, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, 28608. Phone: (704) 262-3045.

Gaston County Town Sets Civil War Re-enactment

An elaborate wedding and a military execution will be part of special events marking the 125th Anniversary of the Civil War in the Gaston County community of Dallas, April 19-20.

The "Battle of Dallas" celebration will offer observers an opportunity to see a "living history," with an encampment of Civil War soldiers in period dress.

The celebration, which will also feature crafts sales, is sponsored by the Southern Piedmont Historical Re-enactment Society, Inc., and the Dallas Museum. All events are free of charge.

For additional information, call or write Ed Miller at Rt. 2, Box 555 F, Dallas, NC 20034. Phone: (704) 378-0938 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Use Tax Form To Make Wildlife Fund Donations

If you're interested in supporting nongame wildlife projects of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, you can do so by simply checking Line 23 of your North Carolina state income tax form.

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Last year, 32,000 North Carolinians contributed about \$300,000 to nongame projects through the checkoff.

If you aren't receiving a refund but wish to support this program, tax-deductible contributions may be sent to Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27611.

Portrait of Rep. Jones Donated To U. S. House

A portrait of North Carolina's First District Rep. Walter B. Jones has been donated to the U. S. House of Representatives to hang in a hearing room.

The portrait, which was privately commissioned by friends and supporters of Rep. Jones, was hung in the hearing room of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, which Rep. Jones has chaired since 1981.

The room also features an exhibit of paintings by North Carolina artists.

Festival Set At Black Mountain

The Fourth Annual Black Mountain Spring Festival, which is being billed as "three days of traditional music and dance, is scheduled for May 16-18 at Historic Black Mountain College (Camp Rockmont).

For additional information about the event, write to Grey Eagle and Friends, P. O. Box 216, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Group Opposes Efforts To End SCS Programs

The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts has taken a stand opposing "any proposal to deeply curtail or eliminate the Soil Conservation Service."

In a resolution adopted at the association's recent annual meeting, the group's members said they believe "conservation programs, watershed projects, soil surveys and other technical assistance programs are now more vital than they were a half-century ago when the SCS and other agencies were founded by a wide Congress."

The association's resolution also spelled out plans to express its position through the media and in letter-writing campaigns.

A similar resolution was adopted by the organization in 1985, opposing a proposal to abolish SCS as part of an Office of Management and Budget deficit-reduction plan.

Pender County Youth Awarded Scholarship

A Pender County youth has been awarded the 1986 Gwyn B. Price Youth Tour Scholarship from the Women's Committee of the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations.




She is Claudette Hayes, an honor student at Pender High School in Burgaw. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Cardell Hayes of R

1, Atkinson, she represented Four County EMC, Burgaw, on the Rural Electric Youth Tour last summer.

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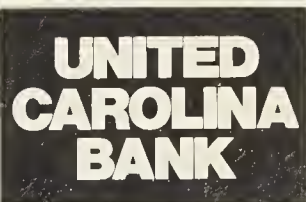
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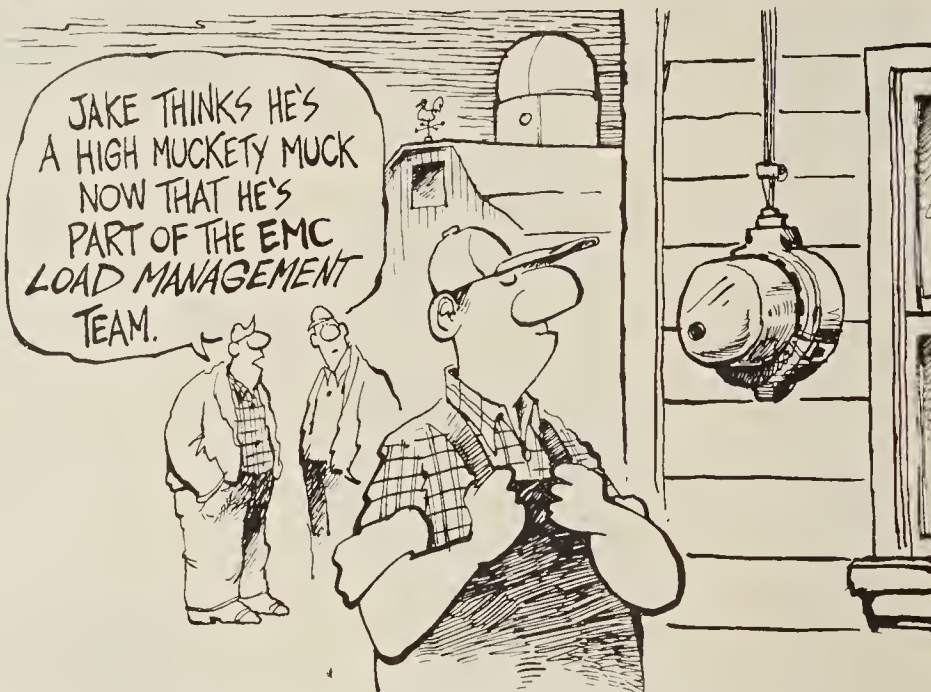


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Southern States Acquires FCX Facilities

The Southern States Cooperative, Inc., is now officially open for business in North Carolina.

Effective Feb. 17, the Richmond-based co-op took over retail, manufacturing, grain and petroleum facilities previously operated by FCX, Inc., of Raleigh.

The sale, for about \$26.4 million, followed FCX's filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of federal bankruptcy laws last fall. The co-op lost \$8.3 million on its combined North and South Carolina operations between 1982 and 1984. Figures for 1985 have not yet been released.

The South Carolina facilities have been acquired by Gold Kist, a cooperative based in Atlanta.

With the sale of the Tar Heel operations, Southern States acquires 58 retail stores, three feed mills, three fertilizer plants, 13 bulk fertilizer blending plants, seven grain receiving stations, bulk petroleum plants, liquefied petroleum (LP) plants and a distribution center.

Richard F. Price of Phoenix, MD, Southern States' chairman, and Gene A. James, the co-op's president and chief executive officer, outlined plans for expanding into North Carolina at a recent news conference.

Southern States, which originally opened as a seed service in Virginia, had previously expanded into Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Services include manufacturing, wholesaling, retailing and several specialized services: a motor fleet, feed and seed laboratories, a financial corporation and an insurance exchange.

The co-op had total assets of \$292 million in 1985.

In addition to its own sales outlets, Southern States will have independent dealers across North Carolina who will sell Grow Master products and other Southern States services and merchandise.

"We're happy about our decision to come into North Carolina, although



we wish the circumstances could have been different. We're proud and excited about the services we can render and we have the wherewithal to do it," Chairman Price said.

President Gene James said, "Our economy of scale will improve our

efficiency and lead to improved services."

He described the North Carolina acquisition as a "serious challenge to our abilities."

Many of the 700 FCX employees would find employment with Southern States, James said, adding that the North Carolina Division staff is still being selected.

"A number of them will be former FCX people."

The North Carolina staff will include five district managers, sales and technical representatives for feed, crops, farm supply and petroleum products.

The Raleigh office will also have an advertising and merchandising specialist, an equipment maintenance supervisor to handle the 400 vehicles acquired from FCX and a retail support specialist.

This venture isn't the cooperative's first experience in North Carolina. At the invitation of some of North Carolina's leading agriculturists in 1934, Southern States served many North Carolina farmers. It then played a key role in the formation and early operations of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, later known as FCX.

Co-op Veteran Heads Tar Heel Operations

A 20-year veteran employee of Southern States Cooperative, Inc., has been named division manager for all of the cooperative's retail activities in North Carolina.



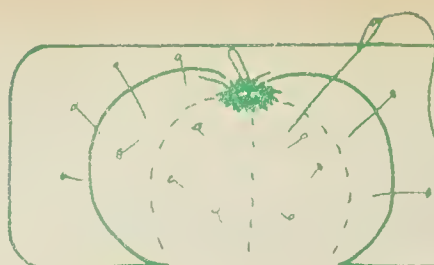
He is William W. Goulding, who has been manager of the cooperative's regional operations based in Winchester, VA, since 1980.

Goulding will retain that regional post, splitting his time between Winchester and the North Carolina regional office in Raleigh.

The Richmond, VA, native grew up on a farm in northern Virginia. After receiving a degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, he joined Southern States in 1964.

He has served as manager of a local co-op, a regional feed supervisor and operations supervisor headquartered in Baltimore and as an assistant manager of store and petroleum operations at the Richmond headquarters.

Goulding is a member of the Valley Co-op Council, a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Council of Farmer Cooperatives and a member of the Curriculum Advisory Board at Lord Fairfax Community College.



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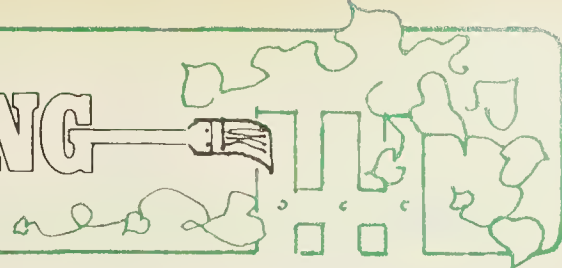
Crock-Pot Hungarian Goulash

Submitted by Mrs. Vera Coltrane of Sanford

2 pounds round steak	½ tsp. pepper
cut into ½ inch cubes	1 Tbsp. paprika
1 cup chopped onions	¼ tsp. dried thyme, crushed
1 clove garlic, minced	1 bay leaf
2 Tbsp. flour	1 28 oz. can of tomatoes
1 tsp. salt	1 cup sour cream

Put round steak cubes, onion, garlic in crock-pot. Stir in flour and mix to coat steak cubes. Add remaining ingredients except sour cream. Stir well. Cover and cook on low 7-10 hours (high 3-4 hours). 30 minutes before serving add sour cream and stir in thoroughly. Serve over hot buttered noodles.

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The Ever-Popular Peanut: A Tasty Little Southern Staple



The ever-popular peanut isn't a nut at all, but a member of the bean family, according to Bill Neal of Chapel Hill, a noted chef who is the author of a new cookbook titled, *Southern Cooking*.

In his introduction to a selection of peanut recipes in the book, Neal points out that the peanut is used in a variety of ways in Southern cooking.

"Soups are made from it, many dressing and stuffings for fowl and game are accented by it, and it garnishes vegetable casseroles. Numerous candies and cookies feature it; the best known is peanut brittle, which is often called ground nut cake in the South."

Neal, formerly chef and manager of Restaurant La Residence and now co-owner and chef at Crook's Corner, includes three peanut recipes among the 117 in the cookbook. Two are reprinted here.

The 232-page hardback book was published last year by the University of North Carolina Press in Chapel Hill.

Hot and Spicy Peanuts

Fresh peanuts, simply prepared, are probably the most popular and common between-meal eating of the region. My father would prepare the sauteed peanuts below on cold winter nights, from a crop we had tended together the previous summer.

Yields about 1½ cups

1 teaspoon salt	½ teaspoon (or more) sugar
½ teaspoon paprika	1½ cups raw, shelled peanuts
¼ teaspoon (or more) ground cayenne	1½ tablespoons water
	1 tablespoon peanut oil

Recommended equipment: A 10-inch cast-iron skillet or enameled cast-iron saute pan.

Combine the salt, paprika, cayenne and sugar and reserve. Heat the peanut oil in the skillet or saute pan over medium high heat. Add the raw peanuts (in their skins), shaking the skillet frequently to prevent their scorching. When the peanuts are golden brown throughout (after 8 to 10 minutes), sprinkle the combined dry seasonings over all and shake well. Carefully, but immediately, pour in the water and agitate to help the flavorings coat the peanuts. Serve immediately or let cool. These will keep for weeks in an airtight container.

Roasted Peanuts

No commercial product can ever taste as rich as fresh peanuts roasted at home. I find the brined nuts on the market particularly distasteful, the soaking destroying texture and taste.

Yields 1 pound

1 pound peanuts, raw in the shell

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Put the peanuts on a wide baking sheet and place on the middle shelf of the preheated oven. Shake the pan every five minutes to prevent scorching on any one side. Peanuts will be done in 20 minutes or so, depending on size and maturity.



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- For frequently used outlets, get protective safety covers that allow appliance cords to pass in and out.
- Where convenient, place furniture in front of outlets to prevent your child from touching them.
- Keep small metal objects, such as paper clips, hair pins and safety pins off the floor. Children like to poke things into outlets.
- Tape electrical cords and wires to floors or baseboards to prevent accidental fraying or breaking. It is not a good idea to put them under carpets.
- Roll up or tie loose appliance cords to keep them off the floor.
- Keep fans and portable heaters out of the reach of little fingers.
- Never leave light bulb sockets empty. Always unplug lamps and immediately replace burned-out bulbs.
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With the exception of two episodes, "Almanac Gardener" airs Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., beginning March 25, with repeats on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Due to Center coverage of the state's legislative activities, the final two episodes of "Almanac Gardener" will have Saturday broadcasts only.

Mike Gray of N.C. State University serves as the series host, whose no-nonsense advice assures the maximum yield from a piece of land. Series regulars Kim Powell, NCSU extension landscape architect, and Larry Bass, NCSU extension gardening specialist, join Gray each week to discuss and demonstrate practical methods of planting, potting, pruning, land development and pest control.

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- Gardening specialist Bass discussing spring planting techniques for early vegetable yields. (March 25 and 29.)
- Entomologist Rudy Hillman with techniques for controlling insects in houseplants. (April 1 and 5.)
- Franklin County teenager Chris Brantley, builder of three greenhouses, discussing greenhouse gardening as a hobby as well as for profit. (April 8 and 12.)
- A look at home gardening for children. (April 15 and 19.)
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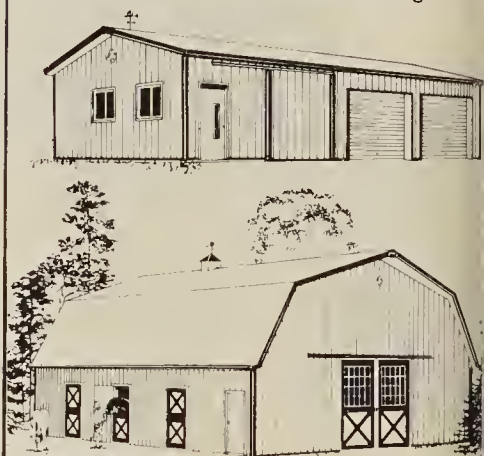


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15	Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro	Registration: 12:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 1:30 p.m.	Edgecombe Technical College Auditorium, Tarboro
21	Wake, Wake Forest	Registration: 6:00-7:15 p.m. Entertainment: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:15 p.m.	Wake Forest-Rolesville Senior High School Gymnasium, Wake Forest
27	South River, Dunn	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville
28	Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Jacksonville Senior High School, Jacksonville
April			
18	Piedmont, Hillsborough	Registration: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Orange High School Auditorium
19	French Broad, Marshall	Registration: 12:00 noon Business Meeting: 1:30 p.m.	Moore Auditorium, Mars Hill College
	Halifax, Enfield	Registration: 12:00 noon Business Meeting: 2:00 p.m.	Enfield Middle School, Enfield



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WASHINGTON SCENE

"Grudman" Sets Stage For Tense Budget Review Session On Capitol Hill

On Capitol Hill they call it "Grudman."

Some members of Congress call it "just what the country needs" to get back to fiscal sanity. Others simply call it "awful."

A three-judge federal court called one of its key provisions illegal.

It is the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law that requires a balanced federal budget by 1991, with forced gradual cuts every year, starting immediately.

That means an \$11.7 billion across-the-board cut this year and a \$38-billion cut in fiscal 1987. Just where those cuts are coming from is the biggest question in Washington this year.

The court ruling gave the Congress a way to dodge the bullet, because it said that the across-the-board cut—that an unelected bureaucrat could order—was unconstitutional.

But Congress is still under the gun because last year it voted overwhelmingly for "Grudman" and it now has a political mandate to make the cuts.

President Reagan, who signed the bill and made it law, sent a budget to Capitol Hill detailing the cuts he'd like to see.

He asked for a healthy increase in military spending and for cuts in almost everything else, including

programs that affect the middle class and the needy. He also recommended wiping out a number of agencies that have been around for a long time, such as the Interstate Commerce Commission and Amtrack.

Many members of the Senate and House, both Democrats and Republicans, declared the budget DBA—dead before arrival.

They felt they couldn't live with the Reagan budget for one reason: This is an election year, when one-third of the members of the Senate and all members of the House must face the voters at the polls. There has been a lot of grumbling back in their home districts from people who would be affected by the cuts Reagan proposed. And Reagan, in the middle of his second term, won't ever have his name on a ballot again.

Since the President ruled out any federal tax increase and asked that so many programs be cut or eliminated, it seemed obvious that local and probably state taxes would have to be raised.

For one thing, the President called for an end to revenue sharing and for less federal money for such things as highways, welfare, Medicare, agriculture, education and research.

Reagan recommended eliminating

such agencies as the Small Business Administration, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Federal Housing Administration and many others.

On the other hand, the President asked that the military budget be increased by 12 percent and for a smaller increase in foreign aid.

Reaction was swift on Capitol Hill where members were getting calls from worried voters who saw some of their own benefits in danger.

"I think it would be pretty serious for our people," said Eighth District Rep. Bill Hefner. "I know everybody got to take his licks, but what the President has sent up won't be accepted by Democrats or Republicans."

Fourth District Rep. Bill Cobey, a Republican, defended Reagan, saying the President knew he wouldn't get all he asked for, but was taking a bargaining position. Cobey said some of the cuts disturbed him, especially the elimination of the Small Business Administration.

Fifth District Rep. Steve Neal, a Democrat who voted for "Grudman," said he would like to take a look at taxing some of the nation's biggest corporations who now pay no federal income tax at all.

Neal also said that some of the proposed cuts might backfire and hurt the economy. Reducing the U.S. Customs Service budget, he said, might hurt the crackdown on illegal textiles and injure the domestic textile industry that is struggling to exist.

Practically no one thought that the military budget increase would be accepted.

One of the biggest increases Reagan requested was for the Strategic Defense Initiative or "Star Wars," (his proposed system to knock down missiles with laser beams). Congress is sharply split on the need for this.

But how would an average American be affected by all the maneuvering that is going on in Washington?

Well, if you are a farmer you'd most certainly feel the effects.

The President's budget calls for trimming the Department of

Agriculture's budget by more than \$10 billion, from \$55 billion to \$44.6 billion.

The agricultural Extension Service—the nation's county farm agents—would face severe cuts in the coming fiscal year, with plans calling for ending all federal support for the program in future budgets.

Founded in 1914, the Extension Service is part of a cooperative network that includes 177 federal employees and 16,000 state and county employees. The federal contribution accounts for one-third of the total spent for agricultural extension work. The remaining costs are borne by the states and counties.

The proposed budget also calls for reduced lending through the Farmers Home Administration and dropping rural development loans and loans for the purchase of farms. Commodity prices and income support programs would be slashed by more than \$4 billion.

The unprecedented budget deficits that have occurred since 1980 have been brought about by a large income tax cut and a huge increase in defense spending. The public debt now tops two trillion. And even with the cuts mandated by "Grudman" the 1987 projected deficit will be \$144 billion, the fourth largest in the nation's history.

There is a growing consensus on Capitol Hill that there will have to be a tax increase of some kind, even though this is an election year when such things are generally unthinkable.

Even Republicans in Congress are talking openly about this, although the President has said any bill calling for new taxes will get a quick veto when it reaches his desk.

Sen. Pete Domenici (R-N. Mex.), chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, says a tax increase would be "the glue" which would hold the budget together and effect the mandated cuts.

There is much talk of a tax on imported oil, which many feel would be felt less now that oil prices are dropping. And some seem to favor a value-added or national sales tax.

Whatever happens in Washington, state or local taxes are almost sure to go up in some fashion.

Even with the talk of no new taxes, there are new taxes contained in the proposed budget. They just aren't called taxes.

The 16 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes, which was due to come off last year, is being retained. Others come in the cloak of "user fees" for such federal services as Coast Guard aid to private boat owners and admission to national parks.

Finally, Reagan wants to help the balancing effort by selling off some national resources.

He proposed selling the nation's naval oil reserves located in the West, which is an extension of former Interior Secretary James Watt's efforts to sell some of the national parklands.

And finally Reagan has begun in earnest to reach a goal he has been talking about for several years: getting the government out of the electric power business.

He proposes, he told Congress in his budget message, to "privatize" the

government's power agencies, starting with the huge Bonneville system in the Northwest and the system in the Southwest. Later, he would get around to public power in other areas.

The first step would be to sell the marketing agencies of the two western systems in 1987. These marketing agencies are what are called the "cash registers" of public power projects.

These efforts will certainly be challenged in Congress.

Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) says any attempt to privatize Bonneville, which serves many Oregonians, will be over "my dead body." Others have been sharply critical.

"Selling our national assets is like selling the furniture out of your house," said one Congressional staffer.

Other challenges are sure to emerge as Congress moves into yet another tense budget review process. The struggle has only just begun.

Co-op Loan Program Hit By "Belt-Tightening"

Loans and loan guarantees for rural electric cooperatives will be cut 4.3 percent this year along with most other federal programs as part of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law.

Rural electric leaders, along with spokesmen for other affected programs, say they can tolerate the cuts for this fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, 1985. But they worry about next year, when the law begins to slice much more deeply into the budget, possibly eliminating entire agencies.

Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, the service organization for the 1,000 rural electric systems, says, "We'll share in the belt-tightening that's needed. We can do it because the severely depressed state of the rural economy has reduced the need for rural electric loan funds."

But Bergland calls the measure, which orders equal cuts in most federal programs if predetermined spending reductions aren't made, "a poor excuse for executive leadership."

"We'll take our cut," he says, "but we will not stand by and watch the Rural Electrification Administration and its loan programs be wiped out. We are concerned about the future, because Gramm-Rudman over the longer pull spells bad news for rural Americans."

The 4.3 percent reduction sets REA insured loans at a minimum of \$622.1 million and a maximum of \$933.1 million. That compares with a range of \$650 million to \$975 million that had been approved for the current budget year. Gramm-Rudman sets REA loan guarantees at a minimum of \$813.5 million and a maximum of \$1.96 billion, down from \$850 million to \$2.1 billion.

Insured loans are issued for rural electric distribution systems to expand and upgrade service. Money for those loans comes from the self-contained, self-sustained REA Revolving Fund which replenishes itself through loan payments. Loan guarantees go mainly to generation co-ops to finance power plants and transmission lines.

At Haywood EMC

Substation Named For Co-op Retiree

The Board of Directors of Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, Waynesville, has paid tribute to a 38-year veteran employee of the cooperative by naming Haywood's newest substation in his honor.



The employee is William D. (Bill) Moore, who retired from the EMC as general superintendent in December, 1985. In that role, he had overseen the co-op's construction and maintenance operations for transmission and distribution power lines.

"I can't think of a more appropriate way to honor and recognize

Bill's work at the cooperative than to name this substation in his honor," said Emmitt Wood, president of the Haywood EMC board. "The substation," he added, "exemplifies the growth and development of the co-op during Moore's 38 years of loyal and dedicated service."

Moore joined the co-op in 1947 as a helper on a survey crew but after a few months moved to a line construction crew. He remained in that capacity for the next 15 years. He later served for two years overseeing building and maintenance in the Macon County area.

In 1974, the EMC's board offered him the post of general manager upon

the retirement of R. C. Sheffield. He declined the offer, choosing instead to remain in operations.

Moore had been honored by the co-op's board last summer when he was recognized as one of the EMC's "Rural Electric Pioneers." The honors were presented as part of the 1988 celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the nation's rural electric program.

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Fiery Auto Crashes More Common On TV Than On The Highways

In the fantasy world of television, fiery automobile crashes may make action shows more exciting, but collisions rarely cause fires in actual highway driving, according to a study of North Carolina accidents by the Highway Safety Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

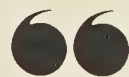
In addition, drivers who wear seat belts are far more likely to survive the few fires that occur than unbelted drivers, the study suggests.

"There seems to be a widespread fear of being trapped in a car that bursts into flames after a crash," said Dr. Patricia F. Waller, associate director for driver studies at the research center.

"Although television could lead you to believe that almost every car that crashes bursts into spectacular flames, the real world experience is quite different."



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Dr. Waller and Juliana M. Ma, a computer analyst at the UNC center, examined computerized records of crashes involving almost 3.5 million vehicles in North Carolina from 1971 to 1982. Only 1,291 of those vehicles—or fewer than four in every 10,000—were involved in post-crash fires.

The researchers also found no crashes in North Carolina during the 2-year period in which a belted driver died because of a fire. On the other

hand, Dr. Waller and Ma discovered that there were 56 belted drivers who survived post-crash fires, 37 of whom escaped with no injuries.

"We found exactly three instances in which a belted driver was killed in a crash that was followed by a fire," Dr. Waller said.

"In each of those crashes, the circumstances were such that the driver was most likely dead before the fire started," she explained. "For example, in one crash, the driver of a Fiat was hit on the driver's side at a speed estimated at over 50 miles per hour, and the car was totally demolished."

There were 72 unbelted drivers who were fatally injured, Dr. Waller said. Those drivers probably were knocked unconscious or killed by the impact.

Since 1973, belt usage has been recorded for right front seat passengers as well as drivers in North Carolina. Ma and Dr. Waller found no record of a belted right front seat passenger dying in a crash involving fire. But 16 unbelted passengers were killed.

Dr. Waller said Ma suggested conducting the analysis last spring when state legislators were debating a mandatory seat belt law, which was later passed and has been in effect since Oct. 1, 1985.

"We're not saying that you couldn't be trapped by a seat belt in a burning car, but we are saying that all the evidence indicates you are far better off wearing a belt," Dr. Waller said.

"People forget that on television technicians have to fix the cars to make sure they catch fire and that the news covers only the most spectacular accidents."

The researcher said North Carolina is widely recognized as having the nation's most complete highway accident record system. The state's experience with post-crash fires is probably representative of the United States as a whole, she said, "because we're all driving the same kinds of cars."



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Employee Suggestions Save State \$2.5 Million

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This program is administered by the N.C. Department of Administration with the cooperation of Employee Suggestion System coordinators in the various departments of state government.

Since its inception, a total of 466 suggestions have been adopted under the program, saving the state over \$2.5 million. The employees who offered these suggestions have been awarded more

than \$136,000 and 234 extra days off from work.

Up to \$5,000 in cash awards is given for suggestions which provide monetary savings. Cash awards are limited to 25 percent of first-year net savings or a \$5,000 maximum. Annual leave of up to three days may be given for an implemented suggestion which provides intangible benefits.

All permanent, temporary or part-time state employees are eligible. Suggestions must pertain to areas outside normal job responsibility.

Charles Cochran, an emergency management planner in the N.C. Department of Crime

Control and Public Safety, is the Employee Suggestion System's most prolific suggester. In less than two years he has offered 31 suggestions.

"I don't consciously sit here and think of suggestions," Cochran said in a recent interview. "They just come to me. These things hit me when I'm walking home in the afternoon and when I'm in other offices."

Most of his suggestions have had something to do with the disabled: using Braille floor numbers in state elevators, identifying parking spaces for the handicapped in state lots. Cochran's sensitivity to the handicapped was sparked by his college roommate, who was

blind.

For his suggestions, Cochran has been rewarded with seven certificates and seven days of vacation.

Jim Holmes, an employee with the Department of Corrections has submitted 26 suggestions. One of those earned him \$326.50. That suggestion was for his agency to use ammunition made with aluminum cartridge cases instead of the more expensive brass cases.

Holmes is second only to Cochran in the number of suggestions submitted.

*The State Employee Reporter
State Employees Association of
North Carolina*

Barbecued Meatballs

1½ pounds ground beef
½ cup milk
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons salt
½ cup catsup
½ cup tomato juice

¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons chopped onion
1 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons water
dash of chili powder
dash of barbecue spice

Mix ground beef, milk and pepper. Shape into meatballs and fry in small amount of fat until browned. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over meatballs. Cook, covered, for 10 minutes or until sauce begins to thicken. Serve over rice.

*Mrs. Sidney (Ida) Johnson
White Plains Community
Good Neighbor Club*

The recipe reprinted here is from *Favorite Recipes*, a cookbook published by the Surry County Extension Homemakers in 1980.

The Homemakers organization, which includes 25 clubs and 472 members, recently reprinted the book because of popular demand. The 202-page volume is available for \$7.50 each, with proceeds to be used for community projects.

To order a copy, make checks payable to Surry County E. H. Council and mail to: Home Economics Extension Office, P. O. Box 324, Dobson, NC 27017.

Proudest Boasts

It could be argued that many of the proudest boasts of American civilization—comprehensive public schools, transcontinental railroads, homesteading, land-grant colleges, land reclamation, flood control, canals, rural electrification, space exploration and, yes, Social Security too—have been public enterprises, illustrating the potential benevolence of government well used.

Edwin M. Yoder, Jr.

Yoder, a North Carolina native, is a syndicated columnist with The Washington Post. The quote was excerpted from a recent column.

Cherished Freedom

I have a hunch that product liability in today's litigious society is on the verge of being carried too far and will eventually produce its own backlash.

Imagine the consequences if dairies were placed in jeopardy for encouraging high cholesterol and circulatory ailments.

The law should allow an individual to make a damn fool of himself if he wants to. That's one of our cherished freedoms.

William D. Snider

Snider is retired editor of the Greensboro Daily News. The quote is from a recent column that appeared in the Greensboro News & Record.

We All Weigh The Same On These Scales

The final test of any democratic form is the willingness of the few to accept the decisions of the many. It is a stern test, indeed, for those who find themselves sharply at odds with such decisions.

Nevertheless, it is a necessary test. And the group, or organization, or nation that cannot meet it concedes that its democracy has been repealed.

People-control is the essence of any democratic structure. This is the only really distinctive badge of the political democracy of the United States. And this is what we mean when we say that cooperatives are "different"—because this is all the difference.

Majority rule is the evidence that all people weigh the same on the democratic scales. It is the product of a division of opinion, fairly arrived at and carefully tabulated, in which numbers of individuals, and nothing else are the only units to be calculated. Such matters as race, creed, politics, religion and sex simply have no part in this tally. Nor do dollars or prestige or influence register on the democratic scales.

In this measure, 100 people "weigh" more than 50 and just as clearly weigh more than 99. If not, then some individuals must be considered to count less than others and the entire democratic concept, in the nation or in the cooperative, is perched on quicksand.

When such decisions have been produced, fairly and with equal opportunity for all to participate, even the most dedicated minority must swallow the verdict, unpalatable though they may find it.

To do otherwise clearly signals a belief that individuals of one group count for more and are worth more than the individuals of the majority. Such a message also would say that a minority can rule. If one minority can rule, all minorities can rule. And this says very eloquently and emphatically that nobody rules.

And that is just where mankind stood before we had a nation, or a club, or a cooperative.

Gene Clifford

Clifford is manager of cooperative education for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

As days get longer, gardening activity increases. With spring there comes a feeling of reawakening, along with a renewed dedication to upgrade our surroundings.

The home gardener can make a contribution to a better environment by extending spring housecleaning chores out into the yard and garden.

Dig and Divide

Flowering perennials that bloom in summer and autumn should be dug and separated now for replanting. Unless they are divided frequently, chrysanthemum, gaillardia, Shasta daisy, foxglove, gloriosa daisy, ajuga, lieiope, hardy aster and other perennials will become overcrowded and in time will "choke out" each other.

Now's a good time to purchase and plant new perennials. Some good ones for all sections of North Carolina are candytuft, columbine, Canterbury bells, thrift, phlox, Shasta daisy, hollyhock and platycodon.

Peony is one perennial that should be dug only when necessary as it is propagated by root division of established plants. In fact, peonies do best if given a specific spot in which to grow undisturbed except for root division after several years.

Iris and daylily are available in garden centers now, but digging and dividing established clumps should be delayed until after they have completed flowering.

Increase Buddleia

Buddleia (butterfly bush) is grown as a shrub. This summer-flowering shrub produces blooms that remind one of spring-flowering lilac. It's easily grown in most soil types.

Buddleias perform best if pruned back to the ground each spring. The new growth matures rapidly to pro-

duce better flowers during summer months. Although used as a shrub in the landscape scene, you can dig and divide it now, as with perennials.

Fertilize After Flowering



Azaleas and camellias (Indicas and kurumes) growing in good soil need little or no fertilization. But if your soil is not ideal, a fertilizer such as 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 should be applied as plants go out of bloom. Use three pints per 100 square feet of shrubbery bed. For individual specimen plants, use about a cupful of fertilizer per foot of plant height.

Apply fertilizer just as plants begin to show new tender leaves which appear as blooms begin to fade. Since azaleas and camellias are shallow-rooted plants, you'll not want to spade the fertilizer into the soil. Merely pull away the mulch, scatter fertilizer around plants, replace mulch and water down.

At the time of planting, if holes were properly prepared with organic matter, your soil should be acid enough. If not, special camellia-azalea fertilizers should be used. These contain an acidifying agent.

Check Leaves

With both azaleas and camellias, yellow leaves with bright-green veins indicate: a poor underground drainage, nematode damage to the roots, too heavy an application of fertilizer or soil that is too alkaline.

The soil pH should be checked. If high alkalinity is found, add iron or sulphur as recommended on the soil test report.

In the absence of a soil test, use a complete fertilizer such as 8-8-8, 5-10-15, 6-12-12. Amounts to use de-

pend on several factors, including soil types, previous fertilizer practices and whether or not trees are clean cultivated or are grown in sod. Trees in sod, naturally, need more fertilizer.

For apples and pears use about one pound of fertilizer for each year of the tree's age up to about 15 years and then level off. Use about half as much fertilizer on dwarf trees.

For pecans use about two pounds of 8-8-8, 16-8-8 or equivalent, for each year of tree age or enough to insure five to eight inches of terminal growth each year.

Train Running Roses

For the maximum number of blooms, train the stems of running roses horizontally on a fence or wide trellis. If running roses are trained to grow in an upright fashion, they tend to produce fewer and smaller flowers.

Rose Care: Hurry!

If not already planted, you'll want to get new dormant roses in the ground before they no longer are dormant. Buds are beginning to pop out fast. It's time to prune roses, too, before they get into too much growth.

Plant Now

Seeds of hardier kinds of annual flowers should be planted before hard weather arrives—as it can set them back. These include larkspur, poppy, alyssum, candytuft, calendula, calliopsis, gypsophila (baby's breath), snapdragon, clarkia and stock.

Vegetables

Don't neglect the vegetable garden this month. Sow seeds of beans, cucumber, corn, okra, squash and other summer vegetable crops after danger of frost is over in your area. Wait until next month to set out tomatoes, peppers and eggplants.


Prune Away Dead Limbs of Dogwoods

Twig dieback of dogwood trees is caused by a fungus. Although not particularly serious, the dead twigs make a tree unsightly. Healthy trees that have been fertilized and watered usually resist the disease. Swollen galls, the small tubular swellings that may appear at the tips or middle of twigs, are caused by an insect, the dogwood gall midge.

Twig dieback and twig galls should be cut when the flowerbuds are swelling, before the tree leafs out. If there are lots of healthy twigs, the few with dieback and twig galls can be cut away after the tree is in bloom.

At the same time, remove any dead limbs found in the tree. Cut back to healthy wood. Burn all wood with twig dieback and gall midge damage.

Inspect for Insects



Check new growth this month for signs of the ever-troublesome aphid. This pest multiplies rapidly and can cause considerable damage before it is even suspected. Wash off what aphids you can with a forceful blast of water from the garden hose. If necessary, use an insecticide.

Watch your broadleaf evergreens such as camellia, gardenia, euonymus and holly for scale insects. Treat with an oil spray if scales are found.

Give Grass A Chance

Remove dead grass and leaves that have accumulated on your lawn over the winter. This will allow the penetration of sunlight. Sunlight must get to the dormant grass to stimulate new growth.

Fertilize Fruit and Nut Trees

If you haven't already done so, fertilize fruit and nut trees right away. Fertilizer applied now will begin moving into the root zone for use in early growth. In most cases, nitrogen is the element most needed; however trees should be fertilized on the basis of a soil test.

—Hank Smith

A Will Can't Force Split Of Dual-Name Bank Account

Sylvia is a widow with three children. Kim, lives nearby and helps her mother manage her finances. For convenience, Sylvia puts Kim's name on her bank account as joint tenant with right of survivorship.

Owning an account jointly with right of survivorship means that the survivor receives the property at your death.

Sylvia also draws up a letter stating that Kim's name is on that bank account as co-owner "for convenience only and that the property ultimately should be divided among all the children."

But with Sylvia's death, Kim gets all the money in the bank account.

"She has no legal obligation to divide the money and Sylvia's letter cannot force her to do so," says Barrie Balzli Stokes, an attorney and extension family resource management specialist at North Carolina State University.

Even if Sylvia's will stated that the money in the bank account was to be divided among the children, the way property is owned can control the way it is divided after your death.

"The law cannot look over your deeds, titles of ownership and will and then try to figure out what you intended to do. It has already determined that the way property is owned takes precedence over what is written in a will," Ms. Stokes says.

Having two names on a bank account or other property does not automatically mean it will go to the survivor, but it is your responsibility to make sure the way your property is owned does not conflict with the way you want it divided after your death, the extension specialist says.

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By Jack T. Johnson, Agronomist

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Getting Rid Of Pesky Bats

They've had a bad image for years—portrayed as attack animals, disease carriers or vampires. Many films add them to scenes to intensify a moment of horror.

But the less-than-beautiful bat has been a part of few true horror stories for North Carolinians, experts say.

Still, if you find that bats have taken up residence in or around your home or outbuildings, you may be looking for ways to get rid of the pesky animals.

The most common variety of bat in the state is the evening bat, but two species native to North Carolina have been placed on the endangered species list. They're the Indiana bat and the gray bat.

Since these species are threatened,

they are protected by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission—and trapping them is not allowed.

"Any person who's having problems with bats must have a written permit to trap them," said Dr. Gary J. San Julian, Extension Wildlife Specialist at N.C. State University, who has done extensive research on bats.

Dr. San Julian said there are several means of eliminating bats who've become unwelcome guests.

The best method is to eliminate all possible entrances in and around the roosting site. All cracks, crevices and holes should be closed, he said.

One protective measure is placing a quarter-inch wire mesh over all louvers and vents.

Two other alternatives are trapping and repellents, which are intended for use in attic areas.

The Environmental Protection Agency has registered a product called Naphthalene that works as a repellent. It's available in flakes or crystals.

For the average attic, 10-15 pounds should be placed in an open mesh bag so that it can be removed once the repellent has worked, Dr. San Julian said, adding that the material should never be broadcast over the attic area.

Several traps are available to catch the bats as they leave the nesting area through tubes or vents, Dr. San Julian said.

"A bat that has been trapped must be released and if you have to handle a large number of them while releasing them, you need to be immunized against rabies."

For additional information on bats, two publications are available on the subject:

Bats in North Carolina and *Bats-North Carolina Animal Damage Control Manual*.

Copies are available from local Agricultural Extension offices or by writing to Dr. San Julian at the Department of Zoology, NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695-7617.

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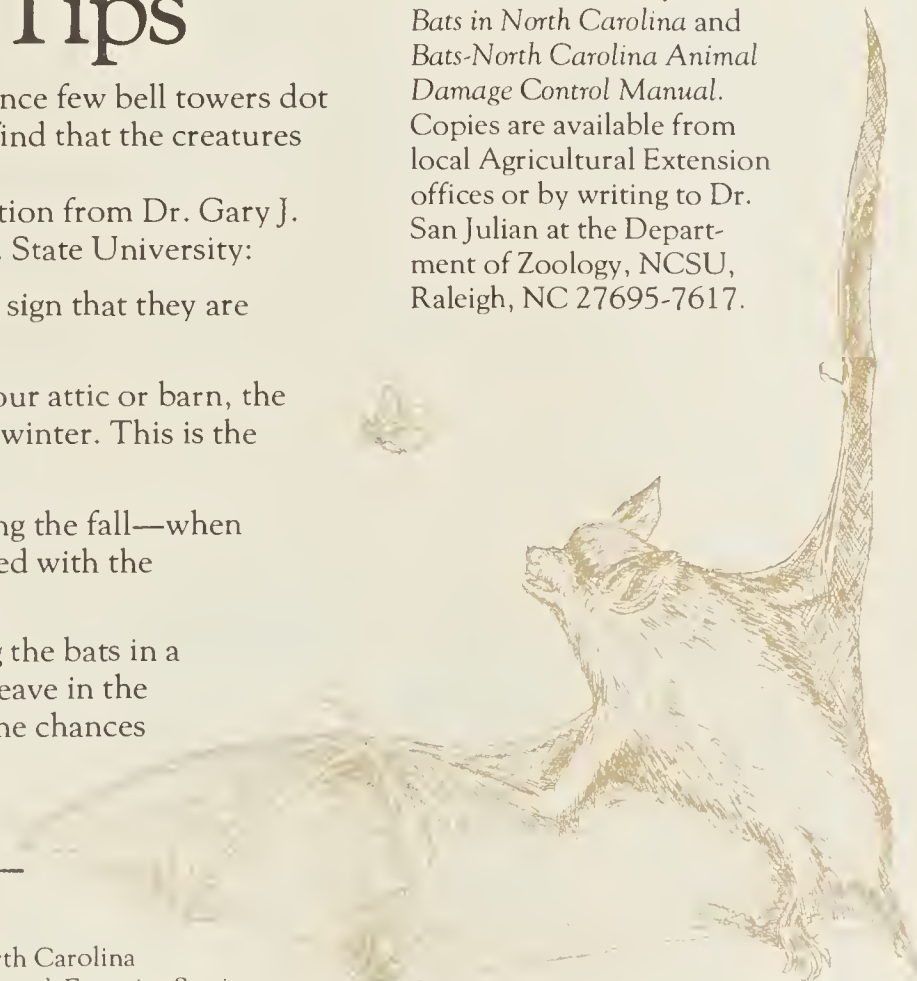
You may never have "bats in your belfry" since few bell towers dot the North Carolina landscape, but you could find that the creatures have roosted in your attic or barn.

Here are some tips on dealing with the situation from Dr. Gary J. San Julian, extension wildlife specialist at N.C. State University:

- The best time to control bats is at the first sign that they are entering your building.
- If you find that bats have taken roost in your attic or barn, the best time to remedy the problem is during the winter. This is the time when most bats have migrated.
- A good time to seal your structure is during the fall—when the young are capable of flight and they will feed with the colony.
- Finally, the ultimate answer to controlling the bats in a structure is to properly batproof it. Bats may leave in the winter or repellents may drive them out, but the chances are that they will not return if you have sealed all entrances.

Stories by Associate Editor Dan Cook

Illustration by Clyde E. Sorenson. Reprinted from *Bats—North Carolina Animal Damage Control Manual*, issued by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.





Silversmiths Of North Carolina—1696-1860 by George Barton Cutten, revised by Mary Reynolds Peacock. Historical Publication Section, Division of Archives & History, N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. 330 pages. \$12 clothbound, \$8 paperback. (For mail orders, add \$1 for postage.)

We've all heard the old expression about "putting your money where your mouth is." North Carolinians before the Civil War probably never used this clever phrase, but they actually did convert their silver coinage into tableware which, in most cases, ended up where their mouths were at

mealtime.

North Carolina did have gold mines, and in fact was the leading gold producer before the California Gold Rush in 1849. But the state mined no silver. So people wishing to have silverware at their dining tables often took their British, Spanish or even American coins to silversmiths to have them rendered into forks, knives, spoons, beakers for drinking, ladles for gravy or punch and other serving pieces.

As this new edition (a second revision) delightfully shows, the silversmiths did some impressive work. Of course not all silversmiths concentrated on this creative field. They also repaired watches, sized finger rings and other items of jewelry, serviced "Mariner's Compasses" and did badges of rank for military officers.

Their craftsmanship may have reached a peak in their silver pieces, as this well-compiled work demonstrates through its text and abundant photographs.

The book also features interesting little vignettes. One tells of the time Moses Wellwood bound his son, John Wellwood, to John Cleland of Edenton "to learn the art and mystery of silversmith" and that "the said Cleland has neglected either to teach his said apprentice, or to find or provide for him sufficient victuals or lodging ... So Daddy was suing.

The book also tells us of the famous Bechtler family of Rutherford County who were known for their high quality gold coinage ("the Bechtler Mint") but were also silversmiths.

Many other well known jewelers and silversmiths are covered in this volume, which should be a valuable item to collectors who do not own one of the earlier editions.

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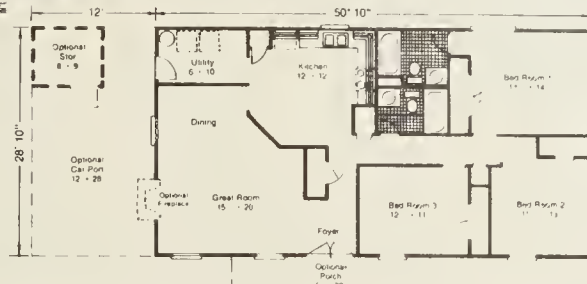
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Summer Festivities Set To Mark Popular Novel's 50th Year

It would have pleased her to no end, all this hoopla over a birthday party. She'd probably flash her best Southern belle smile and say she appreciated all the fuss and bother, but it's not necessary. She's *nowhere near 50 yet*, you understand!

With that, the lovely Scarlett O'Hara would likely fold her fan and gracefully disappear into another part of her beloved Tara—to ponder her latest scheme for snaring that scoundrel Rhett Butler.

Whether Scarlett would approve or not, she and Rhett will be very much at the center of this summer's celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the publication of Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With The Wind*.

Fans of the popular novel and film will undoubtedly find lots of ways to join in the celebration, but controversy has raised some doubts about just what kind of party will be thrown for the occasion in the author's home state of Georgia.

The Postal Service plans to issue a commemorative GWTW stamp on June 30 since the book was published on that date in 1936.

In addition, Macmillan Publishing Company of New York, which published the first edition of GWTW, plans to issue an anniversary edition. And Avon Books will issue a special paperback edition.

A group of Atlanta fans is also organizing to restore the author's former Atlanta apartment, which she and her husband called "The Dump." It was in that cramped first floor

apartment that she began work on the novel that has now become the second best-selling book in the world—second only to the Bible.

Meanwhile, financial problems have beset plans for a week-long anniversary festival that's planned for Atlanta and two Georgia counties are in a foot race to be the first to offer the world a full-scale Tara tourist attraction.

Atlanta's party was to have included a giant GWTW exhibition at the Omni International complex, tours of the author's grave and other related sites. And the 1939 movie was to be shown at the old Fox Theater.

But the non-profit group organizing the events hasn't raised a penny. A solicitation campaign aimed at 50 companies with ties to Atlanta has yielded little response thus far.

Financing may also become an obstacle to plans for the Tara attractions.

A group in Clayton County is struggling to raise \$325,000 for architectural and engineering plans for a project that would cost \$15 to \$20 million. Land has already been acquired for the project, based on a

GWTW Trivia

- The book has now sold more than 20 million copies worldwide.
- Macmillan, the book's publisher, paid Margaret Mitchell an advance of \$500 on her royalties—half on signing the book contract and half on delivery of the manuscript.
- Scarlett O'Hara's name was Pansy in the original manuscript.
- The character of Rhett Butler was modeled from Margaret Mitchell's first husband, Berrien (Red) Upshaw. He was a native of Monroe, GA, but his family later moved to Raleigh. After he and Margaret divorced, he lived for a period in Asheville. He fell or jumped to his death from the fifth floor of a Galveston hotel in 1949.
- Margaret Mitchell enjoyed visiting friends in Blowing Rock to get away from the pressures of her celebrity status after the book was published.
- The author died in Atlanta in 1949 at age 48 after being struck by a car on Peachtree Street.

feasibility study showing that an attraction there could draw 500,000 to 750,000 visitors a year.

Clayton County was once the site of Fitzgerald House, where Margaret Mitchell's ancestors lived. The house is believed to have been the inspiration for Tara.

Over in Coweta County, a new group is now making plans for a Tara theme attraction at Dunaway Garden which already has a 1,000-seat amphitheater named for Vivian Leigh who played Scarlett in the GWTW movie. It was named for the actress during the Civil War Centennial in 1961.

Organizers of both attractions want to resurrect the Fitzgerald House, which is now a dilapidated farmhouse sitting on the property of Betty Talmadge near Jonesboro. The former wife of ex-Sen. Herman Talmadge, she is a meat broker and the author of a cookbook.

Ms. Talmadge bought the house in 1980, with hopes of restoring it but has never begun the restoration work. She also owns the Tara movie facade, now a collection of dismantled lumber.

Although she'd prefer to see the GWTW attraction in Clayton County, Ms. Talmadge is working with both planning groups.

Whatever the status of the planned tourist attraction, Clayton County will go all-out for the GWTW anniversary. Plans call for tours of home Civil War exhibits, battlefield re-enactments, a craft bazaar and an old-fashioned barbecue.

They could hardly ignore the occasion when Georgia Gov. Joe Frank Harris has proclaimed June 23 as the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel's "Golden Jubilee" in the Peach State.

Chances are good that Georgia—and the rest of the world—will find way to make something special of the GWTW celebration, making it a shindig to rival the finest of Scarlett plantation parties in Tara's heyday.

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